SUMMER INSTITUTE IN NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH

Why do Native Americans suffer many of the worst health disparities in the United States? What lessons can be learned from the history of health care services provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives by the US government? How do the answers to these questions affect all Americans and offer insight into developing successful strategies for global health initiatives? These are just a few of the questions students will grapple with in this compelling program.

INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH
Summer I / 12400 / PubH 209.41
20 hours, 2 credits
INTENSIVE 4 days over 2 weeks plus online hours

This course offers a broad overview of the history and current issues affecting the health of Native Americans. Topics covered include:
- Indian sovereignty
- Indian identity
- US federal trust obligation and health care for Native Americans
- Cultural diversity in Indian Country
- The epidemiology of major health issues among Native Americans
- The Indian Health Service
- Urban Indian communities
- Research and research ethics in Indian County
- Traditional healing and Lifeways
- Social determinants of health
- Environmental health and subsistence living

DATES & TIMES:
Session 1: June 6 4-8pm*
Session 2: June 7 10am-4pm**
Session 3: June 13 4-8pm*
Session 4: June 14 10am-4pm**

Online sessions and activities TBA for both courses.

CASE STUDIES IN NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH
Summer II / 12401 / PubH 209.42
20 hours, 2 credits
INTENSIVE 5 weekly sessions plus online hours

This course takes a close look at specific health concerns in Indian Country through examination of a variety of complex cases affecting the health of Native Americans in Tribal and Urban settings. Cases vary based on current events and student interest. Samples from previous years include:
- Mold in Indian Housing
- WTC Related Illness and Mohawk Ironworkers
- PTSD in Returning Native American Veterans
- Abortion Clinic Controversy in Pine Ridge
- Radioactive Contamination in the Columbia River
- Community Trauma in Red Lake

Students will gain insights into successful interventions and actions on the part of local communities as well as an opportunity to better understand how socio-economic, legal, policy and clinical issues impact efforts to improve health disparities.

DATES & TIMES:
Session 1: June 20 4-8pm*
Session 2: June 27 4-8pm*
Session 3: July 11 4-8pm*
Session 4: July 18 4-8pm*
Session 5: July 25 4-8pm*

Traditional Native American foods will be prepared and provided for evening snacks* and lunches.**

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GUEST SPEAKERS
To be announced.

REGISTRATION AND FEES
Registration begins March 10, 2008. Open to nonmatriculated students and undergraduate students with permission of the instructors. Register online at http://www.gwu.edu/eregweb/web-content/registration/gen_info_summer2008.html
Class size is limited. Cost: $4,208, tuition; $50, fees (field trip, group meals). Tuition assistance may be available to qualified students. Fees listed are based on estimates and are subject to change. GW reserves the right to cancel this program at any time without notice.

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